

Minutes for Rule 21 Working Group Meeting #74P
February 7, 2006
Southern California Edison
Fontana, CA

This meeting was the Process Group only. There were 18 Working Group members in attendance in person or conferenced in by telephone.

David Michel, CEC, Chair

Jose Palomo, CEC Vice Chair

Aldridge	Pat	SCE	McAuley	Art	PG&E
Blair	Tom	City of SD			
Collins	Matthew	SCE	Parks	Ken	SDG&E
Couts	George	SCE	Prabhu	Edan	Reflective Erg
Dossey	Tom	SCE	Sheriff	Nora	CAC/EPUC
Iammarino	Mike	SDG&E	Skillman	Fred	PG&E
Jackson	Jerry	PG&E	Torribio	Gerome	SCE
Lacy	Scott	SCE	Wong	Eric	Cummins West
Luke	Robin	RealEnergy			

The Technical Group will meet in San Ramon on February 16th. The next regular meeting after the Technical Group meeting will be for the combined Working Group. That meeting will be at SDG&E in San Diego. It will be a 2 day meeting:

- Tuesday **March 21** from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM: The morning session will be for the Combined Working Group. SDG&E will make two rooms available so the Technical Group can break out into a separate meeting in the afternoon.
- Wednesday, **March 22** from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM: Meeting for the Combined Working Group.

Process Group Only

Housekeeping

- The group was reminded that the filing deadline for Ordering Paragraph 2 is February 27 (because Feb 25 is a Saturday)..
- The January report from SDG&E was posted before the meeting, as was the Q4 report from PG&E.
- The Group adopted the Minutes from Meeting 73 and 73a.

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The Group attempted to reach agreement on all the revisions to Rule 21 draft that it was working on for the last few months..

Rule 21 Markup

- Table C.1 – Fees and Exemptions – The group concurred with the version in the Draft v-8a.
- E.2.a – Repeat Pre-parallel Inspections – The group concurred with the version in the Draft v-8a.
- F.3 and 4 – NGOM – There were numerous edits offered during the meeting. Chuck Solt will distribute the language discussed at the Feb. 7 meeting. EC will respond to Edan and Chuck by 2/14. Edan to post the revised version with changes in “Track Change” on 2/15. There will be a Conference call with internet document sharing on Thursday Feb. 16 at 10:30 to resolve any outstanding details. Fred Skillman will set up and coordinate the call.
- F.6 (7) – Telemetering - The group concurred with the version in the Draft v 8a.
- G.2 – Dispute Resolution – The group concurred with the version in the Draft v-8a.
- G.4 – Dispute Resolution Web Site – The group concurred with the version in the Draft v 8a.
- A new item had been submitted requesting a Section B.10 (see meeting materials for meeting 74 at www.rule.21.ca.gov) – The WG decided to defer consideration of this item.
- Each utility is intending to submit a combined technology tariff on Feb. 27.
- A new item addressing landlords, renters and NEM was raised. It was decided to combine it with the landlord-renter issue already on the Action Items matrix, and any other anticipated variations.

Review Draft of March 31 WG Report to PUC – There was discussion of the structure of the report, but no comments have been provided yet. The WG members and other interested parties must submit any comments by e-mail to Edan Prabhu (edanprabhu@cox.net) and Chuck Solt (chuck@csolt.net) no later than Feb. 17. A second draft, considering the comments, will be posted Feb. 24. A second round of comments, will be due to Edan Prabhu and Chuck Solt by email by March 3. The Final Draft will be posted March 10, and the final review will be performed at the March 21/22 meeting.

Edan said that he did not expect there would be universal agreement with the WG report. In order to accommodate differing views, any party that wishes to file its own opinion is welcome to do so. Those opinions will be cited in the report and included as appendices to the report.

Combined Technologies – Werner Blumer will forward a sketch of metering schemes for combined technology applications that can not use a Reverse Power Relay to assure no export of power from a non-qualifying generator. This will be posted in the “Next Meeting” folder of the Rule 21 web site.

Review of Process Action Items and Re-setting of priorities

Edan lead a discussion in which each attendee was asked for his opinion of the highest priority items for the WG after the Decision filings and reports are complete. Responses included:

- Gerry and several others: Addressing cost responsibilities (not revenues) related to the various combinations of multiple tariffs

- NEM issues separate from Rule 21
- Pat – Discuss whether it is time to recognize that each utility may begin to have its own version of Rule 21, with changes to satisfy its unique circumstances..
- Scott – Revisions to Section J (Certification and Testing Criteria).
- PG&E Team
 - Technical – Look at differences between utilities to try to improve PG&E’s process
 - NEM applications are becoming more and more like DG applications and processing them is a big concern
 - Process side – Revisit Online applications. With the increased volume of NEM, on-line may be faster, cheaper, better.
 - Fred – Would like a review of Rule 22 to the extent it affects the producer-owned meters addressed in Rule 21.
 - PG&E is beginning to experience more than one DG customer on the same circuit. Issues that arise should be discussed.
- Tom Blair – Concerned that the question of multiple tariffs is taking far too long to resolve. The City of San Diego may protest the forthcoming Rule 21 advice letters, without waiting for the proposed new Combined Technologies tariff. The city PV system at police headquarters has been installed for more than a year and waiting for resolution,.
- Werner – Combined Technologies and credits
 - Networks
 - Landlord/tenant issue.
 - Consolidation of reports
- Edan asked whether the utilities felt that they would like to coordinate the manner in which they collect interconnection-related costs; he also asked whether the group wanted to revive the effort to achieve a consolidation of DG-related reports that utilities are required to submit.

Dave Michel announced that the CEC has a limited budget, and can now support only quarterly meetings.

- Should future quarterly meetings be one or 2 day? Reaction was mixed; there are pros and cons. It was decided to that the upcoming March meeting be 2 days and take it from there. Some members felt that there are still many issues to be resolved, and would prefer monthly meetings.

Process Group Action Items:

The following action items were taken from the meeting:

- Chuck Solt – Forward the draft Section F.3 to all members who attended Meeting 74P.
- All attendees – Comment to Solt/Prabhu on Section F.3 draft by 2/14.
- Edan Prabhu – Post new draft with comments on 2/15.
- Fred Skillman – Arrange conference call w/internet document sharing for Feb. 16 at 10:30.
- All WG members – Comment to Solt/Prabhu on WG Draft Report to PUC by Feb. 17.
- Edan Prabhu – Prepare second draft of WG Report by Feb. 24.
- Werner Blumer – Send C Solt the sketch of metering scheme for Combined Technology.
- Werner Blumer – Develop a cost responsibility matrix for Combined Technologies.

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Approved by: Edan Prabhu

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